

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action September 8, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejection of the claims.

Claims 8, 9, 23, and 24 stand objected-to as being based on a rejected base claim, but otherwise allowable. Applicant has amended Claims 8 and 23 to include the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 8 and Claim 9 dependent thereon, and Claim 23 and Claim 24 dependent thereon, should now be in condition for allowance.

Remaining Claims 1-7, 10-17, and 25-30 have been withdrawn from the present application in favor of a continuation application.

Applicant respectfully submits that the remaining Claims 8, 9, 23, and 24 as they now stand are patentably distinct over the art cited.

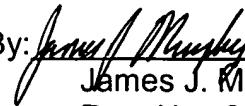
No new matter has been added; the claims have been merely amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter Applicant believes is inventive.

With the addition of no new claims, no additional filing fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 23-2426 of WINSTEAD SECHREST & MINICK P.C.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments concerning this paper or the present application in general, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (214) 745-5374.

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